

# A night of destruction

## Broadkill fire victims perished from smoke

**5 Perish in Overnight Blaze – Broadkill Beach, Delaware**  
**October 31, 2000**



The Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office and the Delaware State Police investigated a fire, which left 1 survivor and 5 dead. The fire occurred at a residence located on South Bayshore Drive, Broadkill Beach, Delaware. The fire was called in around 2:00 a.m.

When Delaware State Police and Milton Fire Department officials arrived, the entire residence was fully engulfed in flames. State Police contacted the lone survivor and obtained information regarding the blaze. The wife of the adult victim, mother of three others, and grandmother of a male infant told the police she was awakened by her husband in regards to the fire. He attempted to gather the other children in the residence. The wife exited through a bedroom window and ran around the outside of the residence to make contact with other family members. Within moments, the entire residence became fully engulfed in flames. The residence was a doublewide trailer elevated by wooden poles.

No working smoke detectors were located in the home.

The family only a week before was burned out of their Milton home due to a fire, which started in a television. Fire officials ruled that fire as accidental.

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